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SHREK

The
MUSICAL

April 30th-May 2nd, 2026

East Valley Free Will Baptist Church



MTE

MUSICAL THEATRE EAST

Musical Theatre East
PRESENTS
SHREK THE MUSICAL

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

Book and lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture
and the book by William Steig

SHREK THE MUSICAL

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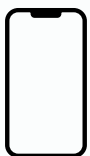
There will be one 15 minute intermission.



Concessions are available for purchase before the show and during intermission. Please enjoy concessions in the lobby.



Send your favorite cast or crew member a candy gram! Choose a treat, write a message and it will be delivered to them.



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Restrooms are located out the doors to the right.

Musical Numbers

ACT 1

Big Bright Beautiful World

Story of My Life

The Goodbye Song

Don't Let Me Go

What's Up, Duloc?

I Know It's Today

Travel Song

Forever

This Is How a Dream Comes True

Who I'd Be

ACT 2

Morning Person

I Think I Got You Beat

Ballad of Farquaad

Make a Move

When Words Fail

Morning Person (Reprise)

Build a Wall

Freak Flag

Finale

Bows/I'm a Believer

The Cast

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| SHREK | Gabe Watz |
| FIONA | Abigail Osyczka |
| DONKEY | Gideon Monk |
| LORD FARQUAAD | Jed Delaney |
| DRAGON/MAMA OGRE | Hope Varadin |
| CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS/PIED PIPER | Micah McDonald |
| PINOCCHIO | Freedom Abrenica |
| GINGY | Brielle Sampson |
| WOLF/KING HAROLD/GUARD | Cooper Hakes |
| THREE LITTLE PIGS/THREE BLIND MICE | |
| Olivia Berryman, Grace Brown, Kaylin Hamelwright | |
| FAIRY GODMOTHER | Aliyah Pittman |
| PETER PAN/GUARD | Caleb Handley |
| WITCH/QUEEN LILLIAN | Yenbaah Descheenie |
| SUGAR PLUM FAIRY | Abbi Bedenkop |
| UGLY DUCKLING/TEEN FIONA | Vivian Kroll |
| ELF | Penelope Vaught |
| PAPA BEAR/PAPA OGRE/GUARD | DeIan Descheenie |
| MAMA BEAR | Charly Hutchison |
| BABY BEAR/YOUNG SHREK | Zachary Hines |
| MAD HATTER | Ellie Roeth |
| YOUNG FIONA | Brielle Sanchez |
| BISHOP | Jason Lemon |
| GUARD/ANGRY DWARF | Milo Casteel |
| MOB/DULOC PERFORMERS/SKELETON DANCERS/RATS | |
| Kassy Banta, Sola Brookman, Ivy Casteel, Abigail Delaney, Charlee McDonald, Addie Patten, Maddie Roeth, Joy Varadin | |

The Crew

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| DIRECTOR | Jorie Lemon |
| CHOREOGRAPHER | Stephanie Sliker |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR | Kathy Chick |
| DIRECTOR'S INTERN | Jace Brookman |
| SOUND/LIGHTS | Jason Lemon, Jorie Lemon |
| COSTUME TEAM | Jenna Delaney, Rebecca McNeace, Cindra Monk, Valerie Monk |
| SETS & PROPS | Melissa Ryan |
| STAGE CREW | Maddie Rodgers, Andrew Tonjes, Addisen White |
| REHEARSAL MONITOR | Mary Grace Varadin |
| PHOTOGRAPHER | Valerie Monk |
| PROMO VIDEO | Jeanette Brown |

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Coming Soon to MTE

SUMMER 2026

Finding Neverland

FALL 2026

Frozen Kids

The Prince of Egypt

Elf JR.



SPRING 2027

Madagascar Kids

Cinderella

Matilda JR.

Who's Who

FREEDOM ABRENICA (Pinocchio) Freedom Abrenica is a 17 year old Junior who is ecstatic to be performing the role of Pinocchio. Freedom has been performing for the past three years, some of her favorite roles have been Debrah Sue (Bye Bye Birdie), Bird Girl (Seussical), and Ms. TeeVee (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). Aside from musical theater Freedom enjoys getting fun drinks, creating art, and hanging out with her friends.

KASSY BANTA (Dancer) Kassy is a 19 year old who is a recent homeschool graduate and is now in the radio/audio program at the East Valley Institute of Technology. She has been acting since she was 8 years old, Shrek being her 23rd production! Her favorite roles over the years include Gladys Herdman (The Best Christmas Pageant Ever), La Fille (Beauty and the Beast), and Ursula Merkle (Bye Bye Birdie). In addition to theatre, Kassy enjoys playing guitar, riding horses and reading.

ABBI BEDENKOP (Sugar Plum Fairy) Abbi loves all things musical theater. She is delighted to perform her 4th production with MTE. At 13, she is a dedicated actress and can hardly wait to grow in her talents. Her favorite role has been a circus performer in Seussical, which was her first performance with this company. When not rehearsing, Abbi enjoys dancing, singing and playing musical instruments. She would like to thank Ms. Jorie, Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Chick for pouring into her and encouraging her to grow.

OLIVIA BERRYMAN (Pig 1/Blind Mouse) Olivia is a 15 year old homeschooler who is currently a freshman. Shrek marks her fifth performance with MTE. Her favorite roles include Sweet Apple Teen (Bye Bye Birdie), JoJo (Seussical), and Dance Ensemble (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). When she is not performing she enjoys reading, crocheting and playing guitar. She would like to thank her director and cast mates for an amazing experience. She would also like to thank her mother for chauffeuring her to and from rehearsals.

SOLA BROOKMAN (Dancer) Sola is an 8th grader attending San Tan Charter School. She has been in many MTE shows. Some of her favorite roles include: Violet Beauregard (CATCF), Young Kangaroo (Seussical), and Jetsam (Little Mermaid). Aside from theater Sola loves to sew. She's currently working on multiple projects including her own graduation dress!

GRACE BROWN (Pig 2/Blind Mouse) Freedom Abrenica is a 17 year old Junior who is ecstatic to be performing the role of Pinocchio. Freedom has been performing for the past three years, some of her favorite roles have been Debrah Sue (Bye Bye Birdie), Bird Girl (Seussical), and Ms. TeeVee (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). Aside from musical theater Freedom enjoys getting fun drinks, creating art, and hanging out with her friends.

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IVY CASTEEL (Dancer) Ivy Casteel is very excited to be back for her sixth show with MTE! She is playing dancer ensemble for her fifth show. She's also played a Mersister in The Little Mermaid and got to understudy Veruca Salt in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Her favorite role was Veruca; she ended up getting to perform as her for two out of the three performances.

MILO CASTEEL (Guard/Angry Dwarf) Milo is a 12 year old homeschooler in 7th grade. This is his 3rd show with MTE. He loves God and tries to share His love. He is very sporty, loves soccer and all things active. He hopes you love the show!

ABIGAIL DELANEY (Dancer) Abigail is seventeen year old homeschooler. She started dancing at three years old and clogging with Maricopa 4-H Cloggers when she was ten, she continues to do so. Her favorite roles she's played are Ariel (the little mermaid) and a Sad girl (bye Bye Birdie) Shrek marks her third production with MTE. She is excited to be able to bring her love of both singing and dancing together on the stage.

JED DELANEY (Lord Farquaad) Jedidiah is a 14 year old homeschooling teenager who loves theatre and acting. Shrek marks his fourth show with MTE. His favorite roles have been, Harvey Johnson (Bye bye Birdie), a Wickersham (Seussical), and Scuttle (The Little Mermaid). In his free time Jedidiah likes to draw, make people laugh, build LEGOs, and do parkour.

YENBAAH DESCHEENIE (Witch/Queen Lillian) Yenbaah is a 16-year-old music enthusiast. Over the years, she has loved watching musicals; but, her participation in MTE productions has elevated her appreciation for music/musicals to a whole new level. She loves how MTE celebrates the ensemble just as much as other roles. She enjoys sharing her style of Native American hoop dancing whenever she can. Yenbaah sincerely thanks her directors and voice instructors for their inspiring tutelage and she sends a big thanks her family for their uplifting encouragement.

DEIAN DESCHEENIE (Papa Ogre/Papa Bear/Guard) DeIan is a 17-year-old hoop-dancer, who wholeheartedly embraces new experiences, especially if those experiences cultivate joy and creativity. Aside from acting, singing, and dancing, DeIan continues to develop his musicianship by honing his skills in playing classical piano, and guitar. DeIan holds enormous gratitude for the guidance of his directors and voice instructors, as well as, the unconditional support he receives from his family.

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KAYLIN HAMELWRIGHT (Pig 3/Blind Mouse) Kaylin is excited to be doing Shrek at MTE as her fourth show here. Her recent previous roles include Mrs. Mayor (Seussical) and Nancy (Bye Bye Birdie) at MTE, and Miss Lynch (Grease) at Places! Productions. Kaylin is attending Mesa Community for her Associates in Marketing and Sales. When she is not performing, she enjoys Aerial Arts & hanging out with friends and family. She would like to thank Jorie, the cast, and the MTE team.

COOPER HAKES (King Harold/Wolf/Guard) Cooper is a 17 year old homeschooled Junior in high school who is also enrolled in the construction program at the East Valley Institute of Technology. Shrek is his 24th production! His favorite roles include Punchinello (The Wemmicks), Sebastian (The Feud of Paradise, Texas) and Emmet (Cactus Pass Jamboree). In addition to his love for acting, Cooper loves caring for his chickens and hanging out with his friends and family.

CALEB HANDLEY (Peter Pan/Guard) Caleb Handley loves to act and has been in a few plays, his favorite of which was Something Rotten Jr. (Shylock). He is excited for his roles in Shrek and has been practicing hard. When he is not acting, Caleb likes playing baseball and basketball as well as hanging out with his cousins and friends.

ZACHARY HINES (Baby Bear/Young Shrek) This is Zachary's fifth performance with MTE. A couple of his favorite shows were Nemo Jr. (Nemo) and Aristocats Kids (Edgar). Outside musical theater his hobbies include robotics, keeping insects, and reading about all things lizard. He would like to thank his parents for helping him practice and Uncle Gideon for inspiring him!

CHARLY HUTCHISON (Mama Bear) Charly is incredibly grateful for theater and the MTE family, which has become a second home to her. This is her third semester at MTE, and after six years in theater, she finds herself loving it more and more every day. Some of her favorite roles include an Oompa Loompa in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Raelynn in Off to Neverland, an Orphan in Annie, and the Sour Kangaroo in Seussical. Every show feels like a new chapter in her own fairytale.

VIVIAN KROLL (Ugly Duckling/Teen Fiona) Vivian Kroll is so excited to be part of Shrek! She's previously appeared in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Mrs. Green/Oompa Loompa) and The Little Mermaid (Ensemble), and she's absolutely loved her time at MTE. Vivian is truly grateful for the chance to grow in both friendships and skills that honor and glorify the Lord. She sends a huge thank-you to her directors and costumers for their creativity, encouragement, and all the work they put into helping the cast shine on stage.

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CHARLEE MCDONALD (Dancer) Charlee McDonald is excited to be performing her 10th show! She started theater in 2022 and some of her favorite roles include Storyteller from The Snow Queen, Bagheera from The Jungle Book, and Leeward from The Little Mermaid. When Charlee's not acting she enjoys going on walks and playing piano.

MICAH MCDONALD (Captain/Pied Piper) Micah is a 15 year old who has been doing theater for over three years. Some of his favorite roles have been Cat in the Hat (Seussical the Musical) Flounder (The Little Mermaid) and Mowgli (The Jungle Book). Micah is also a Martial Arts instructor and would love to have his own Martial Arts school one day. He thanks his Mom and Dad for always taking care of him and supporting his passions, and he hopes you enjoy the show!

GIDEON MONK (Donkey) Gideon Monk, 16, is excited to join another MTE production! Favorite past roles include Prince Eric (The Little Mermaid), Ugly (Honk!), Lumiere (Beauty and the Beast), Horton (Seussical), and Augustus Gloop (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). He's thrilled to bring Donkey in all his comedic glory to the stage. Gideon enjoys playing guitar, and singing on his church's worship team. He thanks his friends and family for their support. All glory to God. 1 Peter 4:8

ABIGAIL OSYCZKA (Fiona) Abigail Osyczka is absolutely thrilled to be in Musical Theatre East's Shrek. She is a senior in high school and will be attending GCU in the fall. This is the seventeenth show Abigail's done, six of which she's done with MTE. Some of the favorite roles she's played are Mae Peterson (Bye Bye Birdie), Sour Kangaroo (Seussical), and Old Woman (Snow Queen). She'd like to thank her friends and family for their support

ADDIE PATTEN (Dancer) Addie Patten is a 15-year-old dancer with an unwavering dedication to her craft. This is her sixth semester as a dancer and her third as dance captain. Her favorite show has been Seussical, which she loved for its high-energy choreography and vibrant circus scene. Outside of MTE, Addie choreographs dances for her sisters and cousins. Dance isn't just a hobby for her — it's what she lives for every single day.

ALIYAH PITTMAN (Fairy Godmother) Aliyah Pittman is ecstatic to be acting in Shrek: The Musical! Aliyah has loved performing in front of friends and family from childhood, and has never been in a show. When not in character, Aliyah loves to read and watch romance and sci-fi, hang out with family, and sing. Aliyah would like to thank her directors for the opportunity and support, and her family for all the encouragement. She hopes you love the show!

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ELLIE ROETH (Mad Hatter) Ellie is a 19 year old theater veteran who's been in 12 shows! Shrek is one of her dream shows but some of Ellie's other favorite roles have been Wardrobe (Beauty and the Beast), Yertle the Turtle and Mrs Mayor (Sussical), Ensemble (Freaky Friday). Ellie also helps behind the scenes by being a stage hand and helper/choreographer for the younger cast. When Ellie's not on stage she enjoys crafting, drawing, and being with friends. Ellie would like to thank her director's and teachers (past and present) who have sacrificed time and wisdom to help her grow!

MADDIE ROETH (Dancer) Maddie is a homeschooler who has been in theater for eight years and is excited to be in Shrek her favorite roles include (Claude herdman) best Christmas pageant ever and (gracie) elves and the shoe maker she is thankful for all her cast mates

BRIELLE SAMPSON (Gingy) Brielle is a 13-year-old homeschooler who is thrilled to be performing in Shrek, her fourth production with MTE! Previous roles include Allana in The Little Mermaid, an Oompa Loompa/Townsperson in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and a Who in Seussical. Outside of theater, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, caring for her two guinea pigs and dog, and crocheting. Brielle would like to thank her director and castmates for this amazing experience, and her family and friends for their constant support and encouragement.

BRIELLE SANCHEZ (Young Fiona) Brielle Sanchez is really excited to be performing in Shrek the Musical! She has acted in All Shook Up (Sandra) and School House Rock Jr. (Interplanet Janet). Brielle is an avid reader and plays the piano. She also enjoys Brazilian Jiu Jitsu which she takes with her siblings. Brielle would like to thank her directors for accepting her for the play and her parents for always supporting her and cheering her on.

HOPE VARADIN (Mama Ogre/Dragon) Hope has been a part of musical theatre since she was eight. Some of her favorite shows include, Seussical (Mayzie), Freaky Friday (Tori), and Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl). Hope is so grateful she gets to be a part of this production and be a part of such a wonderful community.

JOY VARADIN (Dancer) Joy is so excited to be a part of the production of Shrek the Musical. She started performing when she was 9 years old and has been a part of 15 shows since then. Some of her favorites include, Freaky Friday (Ellie Blake), Beauty and the Beast (Dancer), and Seussical (Gertrude). When she is not performing Joy loves shopping, baking, and hanging out with friends.

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PENELOPE VAUGHT (Elf) Penelope is fourteen years old, and loves musical theatre. She has been in two shows before, and plans to be in many more. Before Shrek the Musical, she was in The Little Mermaid (ensemble). In her free time, Penelope enjoys reading, writing, and hanging out with her friends and family. She is so excited about Shrek the Musical, and hopes you enjoy the show!

GABE WATZ (Shrek) Gabriel is super excited to be in MTE's production of Shrek the Musical! Gabriel has done theater for three and half years and this is his fourth production with MTE. Some of Gabes favorite roles are The Cat in the Hat (Suessical) Wickersham Brother (Seussical) and Pirate Captain Pirate (The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle). Outside of theater of theater Gabe plays guitar, writes, collects swords, and programs.

PALIN WATZ (Dancer) Palin Watz is super excited to be apart of Mte's Shrek the musical! Palin has recently found a love for dancing and acting in musicals. Some recent shows she has been apart of are The Little Mermaid (Ensemble) and Seussical (Ensemble). When Palin isn't at rehursals, she likes to spend her freetime baking or reading. Palin would like to thank all of her past and current directors for helping her to be a better actress, and of course her parents for there support. Enjoy the show



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